SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, I would just like to make a submission on this. I had conceived of certain things myself. But I thought that I would have placed my colleagues in a case of this nature in a very embarrassing situation if I were to say. Sir, I am in your hands. The papers are here with me. You may kindly look into them and if you think that any enquiry should be instituted, I am also prepared for it provided you discuss it with my leader. I am prepared for anything in this case because this is a matter which has hurt me. I would not like to be unduly sensitive.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will go into the whole matter.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, you may like to go through the records.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is why I said I will go into the whole matter. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Nuclear Programme of Pakistan

*84. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuing efforts by Pakistan to produce nuclear weapons as is evident from the reported statement of the US Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Dean Hinton to the effect that Pakistan was not limiting its nuclear programme strictly to peaceful objectives;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to review the country's nuclear policy to meet the situation; if so, what are the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government are concerned at the non-peaceful dimensions of Pakistan's nuclear programme. A constant watch is being kept on this aspect as on all others having a bearing on India s security.

Pilot export test house in Bombay

*88. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot export test house is being set up in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details and cost of the Project; and

(c) by when the same is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the Test House will have three major sectional laboratories mechanical, electrical and chemical with 13 sub-sections for testing of products for various characteristics. The project is provisionally estimated to cost about Rs. 260 lakhs.

(c) by the end of March, 1988.

Export of cotton by Maharashtr

*89 SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RAOOF VALJULLAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of Maharashtra Government for the export of cotton bales abroad;